

# Movements of citizens in Albania

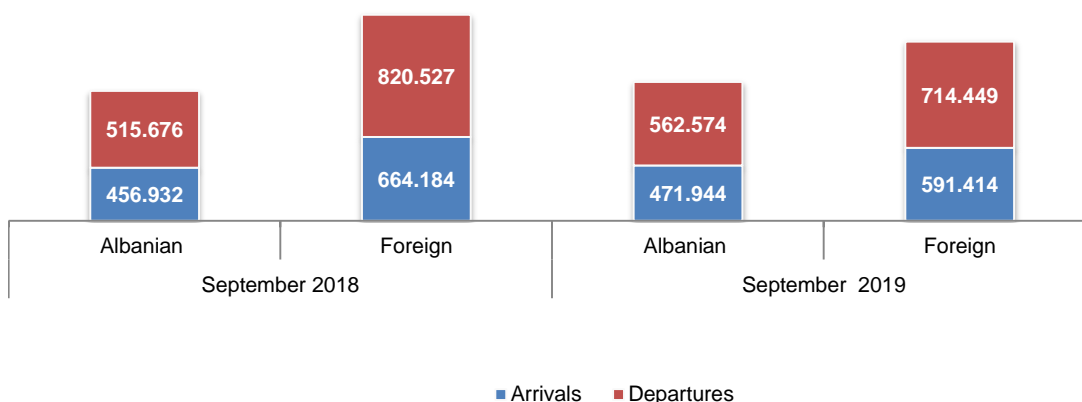
## September 2019

**Tiranë 23 October 2019:** Arrivals of Albanian and foreign citizens to the territory of Albania, in September 2019 are 1,063,358, compared to September 2018, this indicator decreased 5.2 %. In September 2019, arrivals of foreign citizens in the country are 591,414. Compared to September 2018, this number decreased by 11.0 %.

The number of foreign citizen arrivals to the territory of Albania during nine months of 2019, is 5,462,002, increasing by 7.9 %, compared with the same period of 2018. In September 2019, among the countries with the highest incomes of citizens in Albania, Macedonia had the highest growth by 68.9 %, while the largest decrease is 37.3 % by the citizens of Kosovo.

In nine months of 2019, the country with the highest inflows of citizens in Albania is Switzerland by 18.1 %, while Poland had the lowest income of citizens with a decrease of 14.4%.

Fig. 1 Movements of citizens in Albania



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Albanian and foreign citizen's departures from the country during September 2019 are 1,277,023 marking a decrease by 4.4 % compared to the same period of the previous year. Departures of Albanian citizens from the territory of Albania during September 2019 are 562,574, compared to September 2018, this number has increased by 9.1 %. Departures of foreign citizens from the territory of Albania during September 2019 are 714,449. Compared to September 2018, this number decreased by 12.9 %.

The number of Albanian citizens leaving the territory of our country in the nine months of 2019 is 4,461,255 increasing by 9.7 % compared to the same period of the previous year.

**Tab. 1 Movements of Albanian and foreign citizens**

Period	September 2018	September 2019	Annual change (%)	January-September 2018	January-September 2019	Annual change (%)
Total Arrivals	1,121,116	1,063,358	-5.2	8,980,105	9,645,999	7.4
Albanian	456,932	471,944	3.3	3,918,282	4,183,997	6.8
Foreign	664,184	591,414	-11.0	5,061,823	5,462,002	7.9
Total Departures	1,336,203	1,277,023	-4.4	9,325,534	9,721,454	4.2
Albanian	515,676	562,574	9.1	4,066,178	4,461,255	9.7
Foreign	820,527	714,449	-12.9	5,259,356	5,260,199	0.0

**Tab. 2 Arrivals of foreign citizens**

Countries	September 2018	September 2019	Annual change (%)	January-September 2018	January – September 2019	Annual change (%)
Kosovo	265,148	166,207	-37.3	1,865,354	2,004,979	7.5
North Macedonia	69,755	117,841	68.9	554,247	638,310	15.2
Greece	45,535	46,960	3.1	412,372	448,222	8.7
Italy	36,102	35,112	-2.7	359,643	381,870	6.2
United Kingdom	12,181	10,431	-14.4	99,926	105,397	5.5
Montenegro	31,525	30,531	-3.2	264,319	270,762	2.4
Poland	28,728	23,238	-19.1	150,172	128,552	-14.4
USA	11,964	10,431	-12.8	99,652	101,496	1.9
Spain	3,501	3,959	13.1	22,218	24,983	12.4
Germany	19,587	24,642	25.8	121,841	140,426	15.3
Switzerland	4,117	5,392	31.0	46,864	55,345	18.1
Others	136,041	116,670	-14.2	1,065,215	1,161,660	9.1
<b>Total</b>	664,184	591,414	-11.0	5,061,823	5,462,002	7.9

**Tab. 3 Arrivals of foreign citizens by purpose**

Period	September 2018	September 2019	Annual change (%)	January-September 2018	January – September 2019	Annual change (%)
Arrivals foreign citizens	<b>664,184</b>	<b>591,414</b>	-11.0	5,061,823	5,462,002	7.9
I. Personal	656,680	582,740	-11.3	4,998,812	5,388,791	7.8
1. Holidays, visit to relatives, etc.	640,568	566,908	-11.5	4,843,671	5,221,306	7.8
2. Health treatment	20	27	35.0	167	505	202.4
3. Religious	69	56	-18.8	630	678	7.6
4. Tranzit	16,023	15,749	-1.7	154,344	166,302	7.7
II. Business and professional	7,504	8,674	15.6	63,011	73,211	16.2

**Tab. 4 Movements of citizens by mode of travel**

Period	Total Arrivals			Total Departures		
	Air	Sea	Land	Air	Sea	Land
September 2018	132,714	81,426	906,976	170,643	116,494	1,049,066
September 2019	148,561	76,018	838,779	192,215	111,839	972,969
<b>Annual change (%)</b>	11.9	-6.6	-7.5	12.6	-4.0	-7.3
January- September 2018	1,148,239	666,832	1,153,228	1,153,228	696,150	7,476,156
January- September 2019	1,274,940	697,478	7,673,581	1,285,244	728,440	7,707,770
<b>Annual change (%)</b>	11.0	4.6	565.4	11.4	4.6	3.1

# Methodology

The purpose of the publication for arrivals and departures of Albanian and foreign citizens, by means of transport (sea, air, land and border points), is the measurement of some statistical indicators related to tourism.

## Definitions

**Arrivals** : Include all entries at the border points (by, air, sea and land).

Arrivals is a concept that refers to all entries. A person who visits some countries simultaneously during the year is counted every time as a new entry.

**Departures**: Includes all exits at the border points. Departures measure the flow of citizens who leave the country of reference. A person who leaves the country of reference several times during a year is always counted as a new exit.

**Visitor**: For statistical purposes on tourism, the term "visitor" represents a "person who travels in a different place from that in which he resides, in a period shorter than 12 months and major aim of travel in the place visited is a non-profit activity".

The purpose of the trip includes visits of visitors and tourists for:

Visits for *personal purposes* grouped as follows:

1. Holidays, visit to relatives, etc.;
2. Health treatment;
3. Religious;
4. Transit.

Visits for *Business category* includes all business and professional activities outside the usual environment.

**Data Source:** Administrative data are provided by the Ministry of Internal Affairs (State Police, Border and Migration Directorate).

The data are preliminary and subject of revisions. For more information refer to:

<http://www.instat.gov.al/en/documentation/quality-in-statistics/> statistical revision policy.

**The statistical differences between arrivals and departures of Albanian or foreign nationals come mainly from:**

- Law No.71 / 2016 "On Border Control", Article 17 "Facilitation of Border Verifications", where during the tourist season or increased inflow, at the moment of entry of citizens at the border, does not register all the incoming citizens;
- The facilitating procedures applied to residents of border areas crossing the border due to their commercial activity, when they cross several times a day, are not registered at the entrance;
- A good share of Albanians hold dual citizenship, who at the time of border crossing may declare different citizenship at exit from it at the entrance, etc.